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Amendment

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In re application of

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Group Art Unit 3308  
 For ASSEMBLY FOR TREATING BLOOD  
 VESSELS AND A METHOD THEREFOR

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 1997, please amend the subject application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-13.

Please add new claims 14-34 as follows:

--14. A method for replacing a section of blood vessel inner layer comprising the steps of:  
removing a section of an inner layer of a blood vessel, wherein the removal creates at least one end flap in a remaining blood vessel inner layer;  
providing an artificial blood vessel inner layer comprising a supple tubular section having inner and outer surfaces, at least one end section of said tubular section folded

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